

FM first:-

94.2mhz.....KFM...Manchester...stereo.
 97.6mhz.....Chiltern Radio....Luton...Mono(1 B.G.)
 98.1mhz.....Boyneside Radio...Drogheda...mono..
 98.8mhz.....Radio Dublin.....Dublin....mono..
 99.5mhz.....Treble T.R.....Dublin....mono..
 101.1mhz.....ABC Radio.....Tramore...mono..
 100.5mhz.....Sunshine Radio....Dublin...stereo..
 100.8mhz.....Carousel.....Dundalk...mono..
 101.5mhz.....Sunshine Radio....Dublin...stereo..
 102.7mhz.....Radio Nova.....Dublin....stereo..
 103.2mhz.....Radio Nova.....Dublin....mono..
 105.0mhz.....Dublin Comm. Radio. Dublin..mono.

Blackpool - Dublin....130miles.

Blackpool - Tramore, Waterford...210 miles.

Short-wave:-

2718khz.(harmonic).Big 'M' Community Radio.
 6225khz. (German)..Unidentified.
 6240khz. (Dutch)...Radio On Air???
 6265khz.Radio Krypton.
 6268khz.Capital Radio.
 6280khz.Westside Radio.
 6289khz.Radio Mi Amigo.
 6299khz.(Belgian)..Radio Brigitte.
 6340khz.Radio Na Gael.
 6910khz.Radio Dublin.
 7295khz.Radio Victoria(via Milano).
 7325khz.ABC Radio(Tramore).
 7340khz.Radio Waves/K.B.C.
 7445khz.Radio 101.

Finally, a couple of rumours heard this week about two radio ships reported, these are only rumours mind you, one in the North Sea, and one near the V.O.P. I suggest we all wait for Monitor 27, to find out the truth(due this week).

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'Anoraks U.K.'...WEEKLY REPORT...No.18....2nd September 1984.

Just six days of news on this sheet as the exciting Bank Holiday Monday was included in W.R. 17.

NOVA: The big news of the week occurred just before 2.00pm on Wednesday last, when Dave Christian, now settling in nicely, played the three records in the Nova £10,000 Giveaway. Nothing was said at all, and after the three records were played, they went straight into adverts leading up to the news. No mention was made either, on the news, but at the end, Sybil Fennell stressed that it was Radio Nova 'home of the £10,000 giveaway'. Greg Gaughran followed the news and made several mentions in between records(unusual for Nova) for quite some time, until it was revealed that the £5,000 had been won on the British side, but that the telephones had broken down again on the Irish side, and as a result, no calls could be taken.

It was decided to re-run the Irish end of the competition sometime between now and 30th September, meanwhile, Mrs Sue Wheldon and family, from Merseyside were flown over to Dublin to receive their prize from Chris Cary in a presentation at Nova Park on the following evening which coincided with the three years old celebrations. The evening was broadcast live and all Nova's D.J.'s did a spot on the air.

Howard Hughes, Nova's latest news-reader from these shores has left Nova after only a few weeks. Dave Johnson has been heard more often in place. He was originally at B.L.B. Community Radio in Bray.

Despite the new names, Dave Christian, Noel Clancy etc., Nova always sounds the same. Further disruption is expected this next week, as Colm Hayes takes two weeks holiday, no doubt Tony Allan will be standing by, yet again. ABC, in Tramore; Richard Staines, owner of the short wave transmitter(ABC International not ABC England) is doing weekend shows in place of departed friends. He can be heard on Saturday morning with the Top 30 show and Sunday morning with the oldies show, both previously done with John Lewis at the helm. The transmitter has been on quite a lot of late, but conditions do vary from hour to hour with short wave, one minute it is loud and clear and the next minute it is inaudible.

Big 'L' Radio, in Limerick: This station has been received in Scotland in the early hours of the morning this week. We have absolutely no chance of ever receiving it again due to a relay of Radio Relay(Radio Lancashire actually) on 1557khz., obliterating everything in that area.

Other Irish Stations: Wicklow Community Radio announced in the week that they were back on FM, on 102mhz. This has not been received here although quite a number were, during the week(see list of stations later). Wexford Community Radio are without their 999khz. medium wave outlet, due to breakdowns, they continue as normal on 97.5mhz. FM. A new station logged a few days ago from Dublin appears to be called Zodiac, and not Maniac as we thought they said(sorry lads, but the modulation was rather poor!). They were operating around 1400khz. but have not been heard for a day or two. An English D.J. was noted, and a young lady reading news.

We reported last week that Don Allen had started on Cavan Community Radio. It now appears that he actually started on 20th August, but could not be heard on this side due to problems with modulation. This problem now appears to be sorted out(after the engineers 'worked 24 hours a day' to quote Don himself.)..

Radio Carousel are introducing a £10,000 Giveaway, starting on 10th September, more details next week. Meanwhile, their Navan outlet is expected to go back on FM very shortly, whilst their Drogheda transmissions on 1071khz., received in Europe(to quote a Carousel spokesman), has closed down.

A strong carrier has been noted on 1116khz., a less powerful one on 1035khz., and Annabel missing on 1323khz., just about concludes the Irish news for this week.

The Voice of Peace: Latest news from this area indicates that Paul Peet from Leicester, recently joined, has left the station for personal reasons(seasickness??). It is not yet known who will take, or has taken, his place. The current line-up is as follows :-

6.00 - 9.00am.	Rob Scott.
9.00 - midday.	Dave Thomas.
Midday - 3.00pm.	Daavid Fortune.
3.00 - 4.00pm.	Kassach.
4.00 - 6.00pm.	Dave Asher.
6.00 - 7.30pm.	Twilight Time.
7.30 - 9.00pm.	Classical.
9.00 - 11.00pm.	International Showcase.
11.00 - mid-night.	Russian.
Mid-night - 3.00am.	Paul Kenny.
3.00 - 6.00am.	Steve Mason.

Relief Disc-jockey....Jeremy James(standing in for those on

shore leave etc.).

Programmes on Friday night and all day Saturday vary somewhat from the above.

'Where are they now' spot(a bit corny, I know): Stevie Gordon, at present working in Norway as a disc-jockey, in a restaurant. Brian Allen, ex Caroline, of course, working in the same area as Stevie, we understand. Tom Hardy, working on Chiltern Radio in Luton. He was heard signing off in the week, when we picked that station up on FM.

Laser: Not much to report this week, apart from the 'Lid Off Laser, 558' saga. A book recently published, and available from us, tells it all. Well worth reading, written by ex offshore D.J. and Laser founder member, Paul Alexander Rusling. The London Evening Standard exposed the whole saga in its Thursday edition, in the week. It even revealed the owner's real identity, and blamed Paul Rusling for the leak, although this is quite wrong, as Rusling reveals no names in his book. Rumour has it that Laser could well be increasing power some time shortly, although the signal is very acceptable in this area. Finally, having seen the Laser advertised video of theirs, I agree with others, in that it is rather a let down, and a rip off at £15 per copy. You don't even see any shots of the ship. Caroline: Hardly anything to report here, they must be still receiving plenty of visitors, as John Lewis was heard to quote an article out of today's News of the World. John appears to be one of the more popular presenters, according to letters received.

Land-based; Calderdale Sound from Todmorden were heard again today. They were off channel on 1405khz. with a poor signal here and in Leeds(but, no doubt, very good in Todmorden). It was quite amusing as they announced test transmissions for the forthcoming service, as the IBA do, but used off channel frequencies! Chorley Community Radio were logged also, again off channel on 1248khz.(why do they have to be off channel?, this only causes problems for legal stations on channel, Viking in this case). FM, and KFM from Manchester fairly blast in here, on 94.2mhz., mono mostly, but on occasions in stereo. We are about 55 miles from the transmitter.

On to logs now, and two this week, for a change, due to the installations of several excellent pieces of FM receiving equipment, namely, a Galaxie FM aerial from R. Smith of Luton, and a Magnum Power Sleuth tunable antenna amplifier, and of course a good tuner, a Grundig Satellit 3400, in this case.

'Flak flies in battle of airwaves' states the Manchester Evening News of 7th September. It appears that three operators are queueing up for airspace for the Stockport area. KFM is the main one of course, (could Cathy be one?) and now Stockport Independent Radio are being accused of pinching KFM's disc-jockeys and their frequency, although not apparently broadcasting, nor intending to until such times that they have a licence from the Home Office. All this competition is further complicated by another pirate, Small Town Radio, which, until now, has confined its broadcasts to weekend test transmissions. Finally, continuous music has been logged on 977khz., for the last two days. It appears to be coming from the Liverpool direction, with fairly good strength. Recent stations operating in that area in the past have been Radio Jackie North and Radio Atlantis.

SHORT-WAVE LOG: 2718khz.....Big 'M' Community Radio(harmonie).
6218khz.....Premier Radio International.
6220khz.....Radio 48.
6225khz.....Radio Big Brother.
6238khz.....U.K. Radio.
6240khz.....UNID.
6242khz.....UNID(Dutch, signing off at 1028GMT)
6265khz.....Radio Krypton.
6280khz.....Westside Radio.
6290khz.....Radio Mi Amigo-Dublin.
6315khz.....Radio Valleri.
7295khz.....Radio Victoria(via Milano Int).
7320khz.....Radio Brigitte.
7326khz.....UNID.
7338khz.....Radio Waves International.
7445khz.....Radio 101.

'The Lid Off Laser, 558' by Paul Alexander Rusling, available from 'Anoraks U.K.' and tells the full story and details about Paul's experiences with the organisation from its inception to the present day. It contains a lot of technical data about one thing and another but it is written in such a way that at some stages, it becomes absolutely rivetting. It has a total of 128 pages and over four dozen exclusive photographs, and this can be vouched for, as I personally have never seen any of them before despite having in my possession lots of info on the ship and station. The colour photograph used on the front of the book is particularly excellent, and must have been taken on one of those few days in the year when the sea and weather is calm. A collector's item in years to come, without doubt and quite unique.

With the shorter days just around the corner, some interesting sky-wave signals can be expected, particularly early in the morning, and already several days of American DX have been reported already. The best time, obviously, for this is whilst it is still dark across the path from the receiver to the transmitter, and yet just coming light on the European continent, cutting those signals out.

NOVA: Always something exciting to report with Nova, but not always good news. A small but alarming fire in an ESB(the electricity service) substation adjacent to the Nova Park Country Club, last Thursday, left the station(and club) without power. Unfortunately, the ESB just happened to be on strike, and when the fault was reported, they were told that they would have to wait until the strike was over before power could be restored. All the generators for hire had by this time, been snatched up by people who could not manage without power, if they were cut off, so, Nova had to resort to appeals for generators over the air(they had managed to just about keep the station going with one small generator they had). By Saturday evening, they had acquired three, but only small ones and were able to keep the place going, both the club and the station, although on much reduced power. The medium wave signal was excellent during the day here in Blackpool, but after dark, the Spaniard was able to swamp them. The FM seemed quite satisfactory, apart from a slight hum, but whether this would be noticed in the Dublin area is very doubtful.

Programme-wise, John Clark returned from holidays on Tuesday, and took over from Greg Gaughran, who did the Monday Breakfast Show, with Sybil Fennell, who in turn, was standing in for holidaying Bob Gallico. John and Sybil did the remaining shows for the week, followed by Dave Christian, then Greg in the afternoon.

New voice heard on news items during the week was Conrad Smith. Englishman, Martin Block was also noted, in addition to Tony Allan and all the usual names.

The Irish side of the £5,000 Giveaway has yet to be won, and new adverts for same by Chris Cary and Tony Allan were aired during the week. According to the local West Lancashire Evening Gazette, Sue Wheldon, winner of the English side of the £5,000 Giveaway from the Wirral, used to live in Blackpool and a small piece about same, appeared in the 6th September edition.

SUNSHINE: Along with many other stations; Sunshine Radio

are running a competition. When the listener hears the 'Music Moneytime' jingle, they phone up and selected callers will be asked to name any or all of the last five records winning £10, £20 etc. up to £50 for all five. Sunshine play the game every day on 539 metres(531khz.) and 101.5 and 100.5 mhz. FM stereo.

OTHER IRISH STATIONS: Radio Caroline Dublin, playing old, real Caroline Jingles and Dublin adverts, no doubt pinched from other stations in Dublin, appeared on Monday on 1323khz., and 1125khz., and announcing FM as well. They disappeared on Tuesday, re-appeared Wednesday, disappeared Thursday etc., Radio Annabel had been on 1323khz., the previous week, but I believe that they had some problems with harmonics, according to a couple of Yorkshire Anoraks who visited them. They re-appeared on 1035khz., on Wednesday after having a carrier on that channel for some days. Radio Zodiac appeared on 1431 khz., on Thursday giving a Dublin telephone number of 213141, but have not been logged since then, although a continuous music station was logged on 1405khz., on Saturday, but could well have been a British land-based one. It has been rumoured that Capital Radio in Milltown, South Dublin may move out of the Alto Video studios and move into town. John Kenney, late of South Coast Radio now plays an important role in Capital's day to day running. John was with South Coast from day one in March 1982 until a few days before it closed down recently. Finally in Ireland, Laois Community Radio on 1143khz., from Mountrath in County Laois reported on Thursday that they were experiencing, (or at least the listeners were,) interference from another station using the same channel, although they did not know of the whereabouts of this other station. They said that they intended to find out though and eliminate it. The interference was not noted at this side of the Irish Sea. And finally (really, this time), Ken Baird from Scotland sent in a reception report to WKLR (West Cork Local Radio) in Bandon County Cork during last week. He received them under Radio Stoke (no doubt relaying Radio 2!) in the early hours. Thanks to colleague David Bassett, contact was made with this station during the week (their phones don't seem to work either!) in particular to the well liked and well travelled (station-wise) Steve Marshall. They broadcast to an area of West Cork, not terribly well populated, unfortunately, and their current line up is as follows :-

6.00 - 10.00am.....Roger Greg.
10.00 - 2.00pm.....Paul Sheehan.
2.00 - 6.00pm.....Ian Richards.

6.00 - midnight.....Steve Marshall.

Mid-night - 6.00am..Gary Gibson.

Steve tells us that they are currently running on a power of 300 watts on 200 metres, 1503khz., and 100mhz. FM mono, although hope to go stereo soon. Ian Richards, like Steve has worked on a number of stations including ERI and South Coast Radio. I suppose it is a possibility that some parts of South West England could receive this station without any interference from Radio Stoke, who like Signal Radio on 104.3mhz., and Viking Radio on 102.7mhz., seem to be attempting to cover the whole of the U.K. with their transmission, and a local service at that!

CAROLINE: The power of the 576khz., transmission seems to be slightly above what it was, and at times here, is far more audible than 963khz. Brian Allen returned at the beginning of week, after his exploits on the Continent, along with Stevie Gordon, who is currently only 1200 miles from the North Pole. I don't expect he will get any closer than that, I am sure that he will run out of discos to work in. Jay Jackson once again did a spot this morning, Sunday. The weather was rather rough according to the D.J.'s, although on Saturday, John Lewis thought that there was some sort of race going on, as lots of yachts were sailing up the next channel to them. Music-wise, a lot of classics have been played again this weekend, making them completely different from their neighbours.

LASER: Despite not listening to them as much as Caroline, a marked increase in signal strength was noted towards the latter end of the week. Further reports on Laser merchandise as advertised on the ship (their own), it appears that the large poster advertised for £4.00 on the air, is only in Black and White! The poster by FRC Holland and marketed by Anoraks U.K. is in full colour and is only £3.50. Talking about pictures of Laser, by far the best picture seen yet, is the cover of the recently published book, 'The Lid Off Laser, 558' by Paul Alexander Rusling. Space permitting, a short review of this book may be found later.

LAND-BASED STATIONS: Calderdale Sound Community Radio were once again logged this day, on 1405khz. They may well have been on air on Saturday with continuous music tests. They can be reached on Todmorden 3614. Chorley Community Radio were not heard, but Radio Cathy was logged on 1397khz. No details of this station as yet, but they used to be situated in Wigan. They could be in Manchester though now, according to signal direction. They could well be a different station.

This week's short-wave log :-

At 0720GMT Radio Tonair was received on 6240khz., with an excellent signal and no interference and fading. They gave out an address of P.O. Box 21, 7010AA, Gaanderen, Holland.

At 0936GMT, Radio 101 was received on 7440khz., with a poor signal and much interference and fading. Their address is Postlagernd, D-4180, Goch 3, Hülsm, West Germany.

At 0900GMT, Radio Delta was received with test transmissions on 7325khz., with a good signal, little interference and some fading. They gave an address of P.O. Box 41, Elburg, Holland.

At 0929GMT, U.K. Radio was received on 6240khz., with a poor signal with some fading and interference. Their address is P.O. Box 143, Wolverhampton, West Midlands.

At 1007GMT, Radio Krypton was received on 6264khz., with an excellent signal but a lot of interference and little fading. Their address is 134 Eastworth Road, Chertsey, Surrey.

At 1013GMT, Radio Batida was received on 7325khz. with a poor signal, interference and fading. Their address is RB, Postfach 700825, D 2820, Bremen 75, West Germany.

At 1030GMT, Westside Radio was received on 6280khz., with a fair signal, some interference, a little fading. Their address was given as 53 Charleston Road, Dublin 6.

At 1040GMT, Radio Valleri was received on 6313khz., hardly audible, particularly on announcements, with a lot of interference and fading.

At 1101GMT, Radio Dublin was received on 6910khz., with an excellent signal, little interference and fading. Their address is 58 Inchicore Road, Dublin 8.

At 1324GMT, Radio Victoria was received via Radio Milano International on 7295khz., with an excellent signal, and little fading and interference.

Big 'M' Community Radio was received on the harmonic frequency of 2718khz., during the day.

Welcome to another edition of W.R., otherwise known as 'The Weekly Observations of a Blackpool Anorak' which really sums it up, because we have never or ever will attempt to do what the other six or eight magazines of the free radio world are doing. Really, all it is, is an orderly weekly summary of the log done purely for the record, and shared with other enthusiasts.

This week has been one of those weeks when plenty seems to happen, then when you add it all up, it comes to very little. So, here we go, and we shall see if we can fill four pages this week.

NOVA: Still on low power last Monday(10th) due to having to run on borrowed generators. Dave Christian had done his last show the previous Friday, although quite a number of people who wrote in thought that he ought to have stayed, and his place was taken at 10.00am by weekend presenter, Chris Barrie. Tuesday, and no Sybil Fennell on the Breakfast Show, due to a bad cold, John Clarke accompanied by none other than Tony Allan on news etc., and sounding as if he had been doing it for years! During Greg Gaughran's afternoon show, the first mention was made of the new European Top Forty Show which Nova are planning to syndicate each week to stations in the U.S. 7.00pm., and no Jason Maine, not sure why on this one, forgot to ask! Tony Allan again sitting in, till midnight. He was stating that he was doing the programme live from 'Studio 6', where the public could watch and have a quiet drink at the same time. Something different I guess.

Wednesday, as Tuesday, as far as line -up went, with the exception of Sybil Fennell returning on the early show.

Thursday saw an increase in power on AM from early morning, and an improvement in quality on the 102.7mhz. FM transmission. This was due to the arrival of a bigger generator. This did not last too long, as just before six in the evening, all transmissions from Nova Park ceased, due to fuel problems. Nova was silent for the rest of the day, until just before 3.00pm next day, Friday, when the problems were sorted out and the station continued with normal programmes.

SUNSHINE: Not a lot to report here, Cathy Cregan made a return to the airwaves on the Monday Breakfast Show, after her annual holidays. Sunshine have not suffered loss of airtime due to the power cuts at present happening in Dublin and other towns. As far as we know, they have not experienced any cuts despite other stations being off for quite lengthy periods, although I understand that they do have a stand-by generator.

Other Irish Stations: ABC Radio in Tramore appeared on short-wave on Monday(10th) with a superb signal, 7325khz. The station have not since been heard, although were picked up between 7.00 and 8.00am each morning on 1026khz., AM before local pirate, Storeton Community Radio in Liverpool appeared. They have also been picked up a number of times on 101.13mhz., FM here.

Wednesday saw Radio Zodiac on 1521khz., following their transmissions on various channels. It has been reported that this station broadcasts from the Finglas area of North Dublin. The telephone number given out for people to ring in with any community news is Dublin 213141.

Radio West continue with a very strong signal during daylight hours and many reports of this station being received regularly arrive here. Their current line -up since the departure of Daffy Don Allen for Cavan is as follows :-

- 7.00 - 10.00am...Willie Harte.
- 10.00 - 2.00pm...Niall McGowan.
- 2.00 - 6.00pm...Joe Ryan.
- 6.00 - 9.00pm...Ray Sherwood.
- 9.00 - 10.00pm...Dave Murphy and Colm Mack.
- 10.00 - midnight..Mike McCartney.

Radio Annabel and Radio Caroline Dublin were off and on for most of the week, but this was no doubt due to the interruptions caused by the ESB(electricity supply). Other stations were also off for periods.

The VOICE of PEACE; Yet another local presenter is set to journey out to Israel, following the footsteps of John Dwyer, Kevin Van Gelden and Jeremy James, this time, it is Liverpool Radio Elenore's Chris Taylor. He flies out to Isreal on Tuesday 25th September for a six month spell. Rob Scott/Alan West is programme director at the present time.

CAROLINE: Jay Jackson vanished on Friday morning, no doubt for a break, his place was taken by Simon Barrett on news. Stuart Vincent may well have gone off too, he has not been heard since. But, surprise of the week, yet another name from the past appearing, Samantha Du Bois on Friday and Saturday evening.

LASER: A further improvement in the signal has occurred during the week gone by. The signal here in Blackpool is quite good even without an external antenna now. Present line up on this ship is now :-

- 5.00 - 9.00am...Rick Harris.
- 9.00 - 1.00pm...Holly Michaels.

- 1.00 - 5.00pm...Tommy Rivers.
- 5.00 - 9.00pm...Jessie Brandon.
- 9.00 - 1.00am...Charlie Wolfe.

1.00 - 2.00am(Saturdays only)...Zany hour with above and others, chief engineer, Chris Allen, last night. The captain was also heard on the air during one evening last week.

LAND-BASED STATIONS: An unidentified transmission on the off-channel frequency of 977khz. late last week but one, emerged on Monday morning as Merseyland Alternative Radio(MAR), announcing 'all music radio, 819'. This station seems to have replaced Radio Atlantis which broadcast on 936khz. They have announced test transmissions until the end of the month and are asking for adverts. They give out an address and number to ring, P.O. Box 9, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside, telephone 051 638 9073 and ask for Tony. The only voice yet heard is that of JohnDwyer, ex VOP recently.

Calderdale Sound Community Radio were once again noted today, Sunday, on 1405khz., with an abysmal signal. The signal has got worse each week since they appeared.

The buyers of this week's 'Smash Hits' magazine, no doubt young people, were treated to a three page spread of Radio Laser, 558, yet another magazine to give a plug to this station. Photo-copies are available for the benefit of those who are unable to obtain a copy of the magazine.

The new Laser poster arrived this week, not the same one as is advertised on the ship, which turned out to be black and white. This one, is in full colour and in the background can be seen the Ross Revenge. These are now on sale via Anoraks U.K.

One of the several sister ships to the Ross Revenge docked in the Shetlands during the week, reports Ian Anderson. I am sure that he took a good look at it, as would we all, no doubt.

Birthday greetings go out to Gary Hogg for last Thursday, backroom bod, and Anoraks U.K.'s No. 1 man.

Best Wishes also go out to Podney R. Sixe currently in the Isles of Scilly recovering from further hospital treatment on his eyes. Likewise, to Ken Baird, for confirming short-wave logs, and providing lots of important info.

This week's news-sheet is being sent to Westside Radio in Dublin. They read out Podney's log each Sunday, for the previous Sunday, but due to his absence, are without reports. Our regards to Prince Terry over in Ireland.

SHORTWAVE STATIONS. Very little to report during the week, and even less to report on Sunday, due to bad conditions and perhaps lack of stations this fourth Sunday of the month. Radio Dublin was received with a superb signal on Wednesday last on 6910khz.

Radio Syd from the Gambia, yes, the same Radio Syd which used to be off Sweden, was logged on 7422khz., from 20.00 till 20.15GMT and on 7485khz., from 20.15 till 20.30 broadcasting their normal programmes from Banjul, Gambia via Cable and Wireless Company. They announced 329m and 909khz., locally. The shortwave transmission was a one-off organised by a Swedish DX club and reports were asked for to be sent to Sweden.

As already stated, Sunday was a disaster with very bad conditions prevailing.

Radio Milano International was logged early in the day, and their relay of Radio Victoria was about the only thing listenable on both 49 and 41m bands. This station was audible for the best part of the morning.

At 0947GMT a brief transmission was received on 7445khz. It quickly disappeared again and was possibly Radio 101 from Germany.

Westside Radio was logged at 0955GMT on 6280khz., and was heard to read out the W.R. log for the previous week (regular subscriber Podney still off the road). The station was virtually inaudible and the signal worsened later. Ken Baird in Scotland was unable to receive this station at all.

Radio Dublin was just audible for a few minutes at 0855GMT on 6910khz.

Radio Krypton, although not received at all here, was logged in Scotland on 6264khz.

It was also reported that Weekend Music Radio was on the air, although this station too was not received on 6200khz.

And that about summed the disappointing day up. Let's hope next week sees a vast improvement in conditions.

Photo-copies of newspaper reports this week are few, two in fact, the one about Nova's Liverpool office from the Echo, and the other from Broadcast magazine about Laser and RTE.

Finally, good friend and co-Anorak in Wales, Colin Davies informs us that he has lots of goodies available relating to both Laser and Caroline. For a lists of these, send SAE/IRC to S.R.C.(Wales), c/o 11 Teify Terrace, Newcastle Emlyn, Dyfed SA38 9EA, South Wales.

News reaches us this week of an organisation recently formed with the intention of putting pressure on the Government to sanction the setting up of low power FM transmitters locally, each station having a single format, music, talk etc. This is similar to the set up at present in operation in America and Canada. In my opinion it is the only system that works, at least people can have a choice of programme and music, unlike our present system where each local station tries to please all people all the time and ends up pleasing few people a little of the time. Each station appears to be a clone of the next one and in turn a clone of one of the national ones. I wish every success to this scheme and all its supporters.

Whilst on the subject of governments, one wonders if the recently appointed Douglas Hird to Northern Ireland Secretary will have more success than he did in his previous post. At least it will make a change to have a different face telling us what a splendid system the British Radio one is.

NOVA. On to news and happenings now, and Ireland first as usual. Bob Gallico returned from his holidays in Italy on Monday last(17th) at 7.00am., complete with Italian cliches. He appeared with John Clark on the Monday, but Colm Hayes returned to his normal spot on the Tuesday, also after holidays.

Jason Maine's place, he is off sick at present, each evening was shared between Tony Allan and Chris Barrie.

Nova's line-up at present is :-

mid-night - 6.00am....Noel Clancy.
6.00 - 10.00am.....Colm Hayes and Bob Gallico.
10.00 - 2.00pm.....John Clark.
2.00 - 7.00pm.....Greg Gauchran.
7.00 - midnight.....Tony Allan or Chris Barrie.

Weekend presenters include Dave Harvey and Hugh O'Brien. Two syndicated American shows are aired....Casey Kasem's A.T.40 from midday till 4.00pm each Sunday, and Rick Dees and his Top Forty from 10.00am till 2.00pm each Saturday.

Problems with power are still noticeable, and on some days low power, used each night, is left on all day. However, Nova still has the best signal and the best presentation of programmes of all independent stations in Ireland, and has many listeners in the U.K. A recently opened office in Liverpool's Church St., caused the Liverpool Echo to headline quite a large article 'Air Warfare'...'Eire-based threat to local radio' in Friday 14th's issue. Radio City in Liverpool and Red Rose Radio in Preston are both said to be extremely worried about the Nova threat.

A BBC Radio Merseyside spokesman was quoted as saying that Nova's pop output was no threat to that station as they were in a different ball game.

A recent Nova competition awarded the £5,000 prize to a lady from the Wirral, near Liverpool. The Irish version of the same competition was ruined by faulty Irish phones, but Nova plan to give the Irish £5,000 away this coming week.

Finally on Nova, the long advertised PUMA 10K Run was held today (Sunday) in Dublin.

OTHER IRISH STATIONS: Radio Carousel appeared on 1404khz., on Monday last relaying their Dundalk 1125khz., transmission. Continuous music tests were noted also, on this day, on 1116khz. A message was given out and a number given for people to phone in with reception reports. The north Dublin number was phoned and the voice at the other end said that the station was broadcasting from city centre, Parnell Street, and would be called "Kiss Computer Station"!!! A recent rumour suggested that 'Dr' Don Moore was planning a comeback, he ran ARD some while ago now, somewhere in the middle of the band. 1116khz., fits this bill nicely, now, I wonder? Still on with rumours, it was also said that Capital Radio may move to the city centre shortly, we mentioned this recently. It appears that this move has now taken place, to the old ARD headquarters at Belvedere Place. As a result, severe problems were experienced with the FM transmissions. The Gardii called and told them to switch off or else. Friday saw Carousel move from 1404khz., to 1071khz. with their relay to the North. Finally in Ireland, Radio Zodiac were off and on during the week, on varying frequencies around 1521-1527khz, and Radio Annabel were also off and on, 1035khz.

CAROLINE: A lot of staff coming and going this week. Samantha Du Bois continued to present evening programmes, Andy Johnson and John Lewis were both heard to present the news at times, as well as Simon Barrett later in the week. Another new voice was heard, Alton Andrews, on Monday. John Lewis presented the breakfast show all week, the 2.00pm till 6.00pm on Saturday but as yet, has not been heard today, and may well be off the ship. Heard on the air also, both yesterday and today, were, Brian Allen, Simon Barrett. Samantha and Stuart Vincent were heard yesterday, but not yet today. Night-time reception seems to have improved, mainly due to the absence of the annoying heterodyne whistle caused by the station in Tunisia off channel. This station may well have been asked to alter their frequency slightly, as they would no doubt have caused problems to Finland.

Laser: After yet another week of very settled programming with the same line-up (and still no ads!), Paul Dean was heard on both Friday and Saturday evening in place of Charlie Wolfe. On Friday evening, the programmes went on till one hour later than normal, the last hour with Jessie Brandon, then, they signed off as 'Laser 730' then apologised. When Paul Dean signed off on Saturday night, he said that he would be back again sometime, not tomorrow. Today's line-up has been the same as normal, but the latest shift has not yet been heard, so we are not sure who is on.

THE VOICE OF PEACE: This station was received at 11.04pm and 12.03am., on Friday last, on 1539khz., under the very powerful German and not quite as powerful Spanish stations. The John Lennon/Yoko Ono 'Give Peace a Chance' jingle was heard both times. This is used immediately after the news from Kol Israel each hour on the hour. An attempt was made on Saturday to DX them, but to no avail. Local Liverpool presenter is set to join them this week, Chris Taylor, and it is said that two more local lads could be flying out at the same time. Steve Price from Cleveleys near Blackpool could be one of them. Stand by for further news reports from that ship soon.

LAND-BASED STATIONS. A report in this week indicates that at present, there are no land-based operations from Leicester and surrounds. Conversely, Manchester and Liverpool seem to have an increasing number. Manchester first, and in addition to KFM, Smalltown Radio was logged today on 92.1mhz.; with a dreadfully boring disco format. A Marple; Stockport address was given out on air. Another station was reported to be starting soon, on 105mhz., the owner of Manchester's Berlin club was rumoured to be involved.

On to Liverpool, and Thursday saw the transmissions on the off channel frequency of 977khz., switch to the announced frequency of 819khz., still with test transmissions till the end of the month. Recently closed Radio Atlantis, 936khz., re-appeared on 102.85mhz evenings and Sunday. Radio Elenore on 1179khz., seemed to be having problems, probably due to their new location, and were off and on quite a lot over the week-end. Commodore Radio was said to be transmitting on 107.25 from Bromborough, although this transmission was not received. Calderdale Sound Community Radio was once again noted today on 1405khz., with a dreadful signal, although, a fellow Anorak passed through Todmorden later in the day and reported that the signal was excellent in the town itself, although was lost about two miles down the road.

A report in during the week indicated that test transmissions were expected sometime in October from Falcon Radio from Kettering. The same report mentioned a mystery jammer on Radio Trent's frequency from time to time. The report had been on Central TV News, who said that officials were extremely worried about it.

Calderdale Sound Community Radio continues to broadcast each weekend from Todmorden on 1405khz., with an ever deteriorating signal, although a change to the offchannel 1340khz., is expected, in addition to FM on 95.9mhz.

SHORT-WAVE LOG for Sunday 30th September 1984.

Conditions were greatly improved thankfully on last Sunday, although the skip is peculiar at present, preventing stations from Ireland getting to us in Blackpool. Podney in Cornwall reported the same thing last week, when he received nothing at all from Ireland. The log, in order of receiving them, and including SINPO ratings for a change today, follows....

0851GMT..Radio Milano International was received (later relaying Radio Victoria) on 7295khz., with a SINPO of 33333.

0925GMT..Radio Brigitte was received (and for a good while later) on 6303khz., with a SINPO of 32232.

0946GMT..Radio ????? International (French, but failed to catch the name each time) was received on 7325khz with 33233.

1000GMT..Radio Atlantis (later relaying Radio Maribou) was received on 6200khz., with a SINPO of 43343.

1016GMT..KBC (later Pacific..all via Radio Waves Int.) was received on 7338khz., with a SINPO of 43343.

1022GMT..Radio Dublin was just about received on 6910khz., with a SINPO of 21222.

1033GMT..Westside Radio, was, again, just about received on 6280khz., with a SINPO of 21232.

1035GMT... Radio Krypton was received with a superb signal on 6265khz., and a SINPO rating of 44444.

Although not logged here due to having to go out for lunch, Weekend Music Radio was on the air around 1200GMT.

In all, not a bad Sunday morning, Atlantis was a welcome station to return, and their programmes were enjoyed, albeit, briefly, as were the programmes of Radio Krypton.

The Continent put back their clocks on Sunday morning, so they are the same time as us, as can be seen when one listens to Laser and Caroline.

Finally, not only Sunshine Radio celebrating birthdays, Tom Hardy, today (30th), Happy Birthday, Tom (at Chiltern Radio).

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'Anoraks U.K.'....Weekly Report...No.22...30th September 1984.

It is now over twelve months since Radio Caroline returned, and together with Laser and hundreds of land-based stations, the free radio scene has never been as healthy as it is right now, yet there has been not one single convention/get together or call it what you will, since the Caroline Movement function, way back in April of 1983. One would have thought that someone would have organised such an event, following the tremendous success of the aforementioned one. Where would one hold such a function now? seems to be the main question. East London seemed a bit way out to me, although quite handy for people travelling from Essex. Any suggestions, I ask.

Merrily listening to short-wave this morning, I heard one station relay the test transmission message from Invicta Sound in Kent. They are proposing to use seven frequencies! and this is supposed to be a local station. Still, you won't have seven relays of Radio 2 to entertain you at night, being IBA, just seven tuning notes!!!

NOVA: On to the news from Ireland now, and lots happening at Nova this week. The £5,000 had to be given away to someone from Ireland before Saturday, so it was all ears to the set, well, whilst they were on air. at least. They had all sorts of problems with power yet again. First, they are on high power, then low, then off air, and so it went on all week. Anyway, starting at the beginning of the week, Chris Barrie did the evening spot all week, until Friday, when Dave Harvey took over. Tony Allan did the Saturday show in place of Hugh O'Brien who is away on holiday.

During Friday morning, bearing in mind that the prize still had to go, Nova played a clue to when one may expect to hear these three boring tunes played one after another, they played Nine to Five by Sheena Easton. Not everyone realised what it meant, including me, but at nine minutes to five, they were played, but not until after we had all been subject to almost continuous messages telling us that the number to ring was changed to 932167, due to further problems with communications. At just after five o'clock, all three tunes had been played (hopefully for the last time ever!), and the news was then read, a little later than normal, and of course, mentioning the fact that the big event was now taking place.

Tony Allan commenced handling all the calls, many live on air, as they came in. The generators then failed again, and the station fell silent whilst they were fixed. Both AM and FM were off the air, but at 5.23pm., the FM returned, followed quickly

by the AM, and we were off again. The telephones then broke down, probably by someone not replacing the receiver properly, and yet another break was taken. Eventually, at 6.15pm., a winner was found, caller No. 50, Mrs Ruth Bissett from Walkinstown nearby, and she was proclaimed winner, amidst a lot of excitement.

The presentation of the prize was made at Nova Park in the evening, just before 11.00pm., by Tony Allan and Mike Hogan, manager of the Nova Park Club. Recordings of the event were made and can be obtained from us for £2.00 for a C.90 tape.

The only other of note since, on Nova, was that on Sunday evening, D.J.'s were noted reading the news, a thing rarely occurring on this station.

SUNSHINE RADIO: Celebrating its fourth birthday yesterday, 29th September. It was first noted at around 2.00pm on 29th Sept., 1980, but had made a few short tests a fortnight prior to this. The aerial mysteriously fell to the ground during the following night of these tests. Presenters heard that first day were Chris Cary, who now owns Nova, Robbie Dale, who now owns Sunshine, Tony Allan, who is at Nova, and Colin Russell who is back at Sunshine after emigrating to Canada. The first broadcasts were made from a bedroom at the front of the Sands Hotel.

OTHER IRISH STATIONS: It was reported that Captain Eamon Cooke intends to close down Radio Dublin Channel II this evening, this was stated earlier today on his 'Captains News' programme. The staff used on this station will all be taken on the Radio Dublin Channel I, and no one will be without a job, it is reported. Failure to make money, or get anywhere with the station appears to be the reason. We are not sure at this stage whether or not Channel I will be relayed on the two frequencies.

The continuous music tests on 111.6kHz., were heard most of the week, but on Monday afternoon, Ken Baird heard the same music on 113.4kHz., and then an announcement mentioning something like 'Bingal' radio. No further announcements were made, and the station did not re-appear next day.

Radio Annabel appeared on 132.3kHz., again, on Tuesday, this time with a superb signal, almost as good as Sunshine Radio's signal. On phoning them, they informed me that they were still operating from the Ivy Rooms in Parnell Street, and that the transmitter was situated in the State Cinema at Phibsboro. Their line-up was given as :-

7.30am - 11.00.....George Mulcahy.

11.00 - 2.00.....Continuous music(vacant spot).

2.00pm - 5.00.....Richie Dee.

5.00 - 8.00.....Ian Turner.

8.00 - 11.00.....Various(Martin Talbot, Brian Wheelan, Paul Stratford, Mike(The Man)Reid, John Richmond. News-reader: Peter Corby.

Community Radio Fingal was noted to be off the air on Tuesday last, but had returned when a check was made next day.

Station line-ups for next weeks edition will be Carousel and Carousel Navan, both stations being heard across North West Britain, so, stand by Kieran, info required.

CAROLINE: John Lewis did not leave the ship, as we all thought last week, and duly returned for the Monday Breakfast Show. He is on at present doing the early evening show, so, has still not had a break since returning to the ship. Tuesday evening saw the return again of the ever popular, Tom Anderson to his normal spot. Thursday morning saw Grant Benson back on news, with John Lewis stressing International all the time. I am not 100% sure but thought that Rob Eden may have been on the ship. Saturday, and who should read news, but, Robbie Day, ex-Caroline Roadshows of the 70's, and lately Laser Roadshows. He was not heard again after lunch, but we have been assured that he is doing one of the two new Caroline Roadshows proposed. The two formats will be Heavy Metal/Rock and the other dance music.

LASER: Charlie Wolfe currently off the ship for holidays, but, David Lee Stone has returned. It was thought that he may have been doing the Roadshows in Holland for a spell, according to D.J. talk. Hollie Michaels is the next one due off the ship for leave. Colin Ward is now reported to be doing the Roadshows in place of departed Robbie Day.

THE VOICE OF PEACE: We have no news on this ship since two more local lads left for Israel earlier this week.

LAND-BASED STATIONS: Plenty happening here though, to make up for the above. A signal on 103.7mhz., during last weekend, turned out to be BBC Radio Wigan, an experimental community station, recently been on 129.6kHz. The only comment I have to make, after listening to it for half an hour, is...Do the BBC think that they have cracked it, if they use someone with a thick Wigan accent? KFM from Stockport, the very successful outfit, now seem to have two phones, 061-494-0347 is for requests etc., and 061-477-7536 is for adverts(as if they haven't enough).

Smalltown Radio were logged again on 92.1mhz., from the same area, with a much poorer signal and still the boring disco format. Radio Atlantis was logged on 102.9mhz., in the week, from Merseyside. No address was given for Atlantis, but an address of 15 Bowden Lane, Marple, Cheshire, was given for Smalltown Radio.